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Cable television franchise

Town grants stay

By FRANCES H. PAULETTE

The Farmers National Bank, holding the mortgage on the Arco Cable Television Company and Arco were granted a 30 day extension to try and find a buyer for the company by Appomattox Town Council at Monday night's meeting.

William Hunter, president of the Farmers National Bank has this to say. "We've been making every effort to find a sale for the cable television system. We have given Arco time to try and sell it themselves. We have had to go ahead with foreclosure plans. In the meantime the property has been put in the hands of a real estate firm for disposal."

Vic Bosiger of Vikas Communications who is working closely with McCarthy-Read Realtors to find a buyer for the system also appeared before council and indicated that there were some perspective buyers, one of which will make a decision by Oct. 14 as to whether they will or will not purchase the system.

According to a comment by Bosiger, the cable television business, real estate, franchise, and equipment has an appraised value of $130,000 with a sale value of $88,000.

"We definitely want to avoid a situation where equipment and franchise must be separated, added Hunter.

Glenn Doss and Cecil Jameson were granted permission by Appomattox Town Council members at Monday night's meeting to open a family type amusement center in the building owned by Percy George on highway 460 and Isabell St. The center, scheduled to open within the next ten days will feature pinball machines, pool tables, and snacks. No alcoholic beverages will be sold and no food will be cooked on the premises. The center will be open daily from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. with the exception on Fridays when the hours will be 11 a.m. until 12 midnight. It will be closed on Sundays.

On Pamplin School closing

Board ends meetings

By FRANCES H. PAULETTE

At the October meeting of the Appomattox County School Board, members voted "there will be no further meetings regarding the closing of the Pamplin Elementary School unless there are further developments."

Mrs. Diane Seibert, President of the Pamplin Elementary School Parent Teachers Association, spoke on behalf of Pamplin parents and citizens interested in keeping the Pamplin school open.

The board is considering facts related to the possible closing of the Pamplin facility at the end of the current school session.

"Our enrollment report looks good," commented Lloyd Walton, Superintendent of the Appomattox County School Division. "We have worked in cooperation with the Department of Social Services, the Juvenile and Domestic Court and with parents to improve attendance," continued Walton.

At the Appomattox County High School, with an enrollment of 861, the attendance was 95.5 percent; at the Appomattox Middle School with (HS) enrollment of 192 the attendance percentage was 97, (e) enrollment of 206, 97.6 attendance percentage. At the Appomattox Primary School with 456 enrolled 96.8 percent were in attendance. At the Appomattox Elementary School there are 737 enrolled and 97 percent in attendance in September. At the Pamplin Elementary School there are 147 enrolled and 97.2 percent in attendance.

"Teachers are to be commended for their work in inspiring attendance," said Mrs. Ruth Webb, Chairman of the Appomattox County School Board. "The cooperation and assistance of administration, teachers and parents has been a deciding factor in the improved attendance," she concluded.

The second phase of renovation is in progress at the Appomattox Middle School; it is estimated to cost approximately $122,750. Recently the school board was notified that a grant in the amount of $65,645 has been approved by the Department of Energy to apply toward the second phase renovation cost.

Estimated renovation costs of other schools in the Town of Appomattox are as follows: Appomattox Middle School Auditorium $300,000; Appomattox Elementary School $325,000; and the Appomattox Primary School $275,000.

The Appomattox County Board of Supervisors authorized the School Board to submit the Literary Loan Fund applications. If the loans are approved at at three percent interest rate, the board will discuss each renovation project with the Board of Supervisors and seek approval prior to employing an architect to draw blueprints and outline specifications.

According to the board, it will cost approximately $135,000 to upgrade the Pamplin School to achieve minimal facility standards.

Martin appointed

Mrs. Jessie Martin has been appointed "Christmas Mother" for 1981 in conjunction with the Volunteer Program of the Appomattox County Department of Social Services.

Mrs. Martin, a native of Appomattox County lived in northern Virginia from 1942 until 1965.

She is an active member of the Memorial United Methodist Church.

As "Christmas Mother", she will be responsible for receiving and coordinating distribution of gifts for the Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

Any individuals, schools, church or other civic groups who wish to make gifts of food, clothing, toys, money or to have parties for small groups of children will be greatly appreciated. Please call Mrs. Martin at 352-7125 for further information.

RHONDA, CRAIG, AND RODNEY WOMACK, children of Jimmy and Edna Womack of Evergreen, dressed for the occasion, enjoyed the Ninth Annual Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival. You can tell by their smiles!! [Photo by Allen Austin]

DOT AND CRAWFORD DAVIDSON, all dressed up in 'Old Time' finery, paused long enough to smile for the camera during the festivities during the weekend. [Photo by Allen Austin]

Festival 1981!

"THE TRAVELING COMPANY" stopped traveling long enough to provide some good music for listeners at the festival during the weekend. [Photo by Allen Austin]

By FRANCES H. PAULETTE

Even though occasional "raindrops kept falling on our heads...," it was not enough to dampen the spirit of the record crowd onhand for the ninth Annual Historic Appomattox County Railroad Festival held on Saturday and Sunday.

With no definite figure available as to total attendance, festival officials estimated the crowd to be in the thousands.

There was ample opportunity to browse and buy among the many kinds of arts and crafts offered for sale by local craftsmen and those from other localities.

Music, contests, exhibitions of various kinds, rides for the children and plenty of good food made the weekend one of fun and festivity.

The Joe Sweeney 10K Classic footrace on Saturday was won by local runner, Richard Ferguson with a time of 32 minutes six seconds. Top finishing woman was Joyce Bowling of Blacksburg. (See complete story of race on sports page.)

Parade winners were declared as follows: Floats - First Place, Appomattox Elementary School; Second Place, Appomattox Baptist Temple; Third Place, Clothesline.

Antique Car winners were as follows: First Place winner - Preston Staton, Second place - Major G. A. Reynolds; and Third Place - Charles Giles.

Horses declared winners are as follows: First place - K. C. Paulette; Second Place winner - [illegible]; Third Place winner - Betty Zumbro.

Bands receiving Participation Trophies are as follows: Appomattox County High School Band; Fork Union Military Academy Band; Midlothian High School Band; Heritage Drill Team; Buckingham County High School Band; and the Spindle Spinners of Lynchburg.

In the Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival Student Art Contest winners in each age group received passbook savings accounts from American Federal Savings and Loan Association. First Place winners received $25.00; second place winners received $15.00; third place winner received $10.00 and honorable mention winners received $5.00.

Winners in the various categories will be announced in next week's **Times-Virginian.**

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

On Main Street, Appomattox, Saturday morning someone saw me rambling about, shaking hands and writing on my notepad, and observed, "You will have enough to write about for several weeks." True. But first le me thank Lt. Col. Wesley D. Carr for writing to me from Oslo, Norway and sending copies of The Stars and Stripes (West Germany) and the Weekly Post, of Stavanger, Norway. Col. Carr is the son of Frank and Elizabeth Carr, formerly of Appomattox, now of Richmond, who recently visited their son in Norway. Honored to have all the above as Darkleaf readers.

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Congratulations to all those who had part in making the week-end Railroad Festival in Appomattox such a success. I rated it the best ever. Sponsored by the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club and the Town, an incredible amount of planning was involved. Thanks to Becky Lawson, Sonny Conner, Cindy Ranson, chairpersons, and to everyone else who helped. Goodwill and friendliness were oozing all over town for the event. Many from out of town. Maybe I'll just copy from my note pad. Big hit, The Bourbon Street Beats, of Richmond, who played fabulous music from atop a huge float. Got their names: Harry Davis, Glen Davis, Lennie Ellis, Donnie Johnson, Walter Nelson and B. Crenshaw. Tunes like Over There, Yankee Doodle Dandy, Just Because, Roll Out the Barrel.. All the music was great. And the bands, floats, old cars, horses, school groups, club groups, etc. Mayor Ronnie Spiggle was at his best as M.C. and more from the note pad. Susan Guild, age five, went to sleep and I wished for a camera to get a cute picture. Her brother, Andy, age six, was keeping watch. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Guild, of the former Dean Johns Place near town. They invited me to visit and see their goats and try a glass of goat's milk. And Mr. and Mrs. Edd Zopp, of near New Hope Church. I wrote them up once before because their name is the last one in the area telephone directory. Such nice people. And Larry Banton, nephew of the late Bill Banton, of Hollywood. From the Pittsburgh area, they had sent me a treasured Slippery Rock College T-shirt. Add good news - saw Mrs. J. Rufus Cawthorne in front of the Depot Saturday and she says they plan to move back to Appomattox, from Pompano Beach, Florida. She was with nephew, Steve Cawthorne. Among the displays inside the Depot, stopped at the bee hive display by Gilbert Mays, and he pointed out the Queen Bee in the hive. In the parade, big applause for the van of VIP's from Babcock Manor. Also got the autograph of the sad-faced clown and it turned out to be a top Town Official. I would never have guessed. The Civil War relics and the National Park Service exhibits in the two downtown bank buildings, were splendid. On and on I could go about a great local occasion. Appomattox, take a bow.

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Not only leaves are falling but so are acorns. How about prices?

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Football and baseball in command in the sports world. As a longtime N. Y. Yankee baseball fan, I am happy at the moment, riding a winning streak. And in football, I have come up with a great idea. Why not do what they do in golf, put traps and hazards in front of the goal line to stall off touchdowns. A moat, no less.

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A salute to the events at Yorktown, Virginia, observing 200 years of American freedom, and Washington's victory over Cornwallis. We declared our freedom July 4, 1776, won it at Yorktown in October 1781, and sealed it at Appomattox in April, 1865. Thanks for reading and seeya around.

Curtis Mayberry wins grid contest

Curtis T. Mayberry, Jr., was declared winner of last week's football contest after a three-way tie-breaker playoff.

Mayberry missed accurately predicting the outcomes of seven of the 23 contest games. Diana Williams and Billy Thompson also missed accurately predicting the outcomes of seven of the 23 contest games.

However, in the tie-breaker competition, where each contestant attempts to predict the exact score of two specified games, Mayberry emerged victorious with the smallest difference in points between predicted and actual scores of the tiebreaker games.

Diana Williams of Route 2, Appomattox, placed second in the competition, according to the difference in points between the scores she predicted and the actual scores of the tie-breaker games.

Thompson was third place in the contest.

Last week's contest proved to be a tougher one than usual for the 119 players who entered, with numerous upsets on the college level.

Mayberry will receive a check for $20 from the **Times-Virginian** and a free chicken dinner from the Chicken Palace for his efforts. Williams will receive a check for $10 and a free chicken dinner from the Chicken Palace for her second-place efforts.

The football contest continues this week, with information on contest rules and prizes on the contest page inside.

RAIDER ALPHONSO MOORE looks on as referee signals "no touchdown" in Friday night's varsity football game against Brookville. The dramatic Appomattox goal-line stand thwarted a Brookville bid for the Bees' second touchdown of the night, which would have given Brookville the win. The Raiders battled Brooville to a tie. Details in this week's sports section. (Photo by Allen Austin)

County will activate the IDA soon

By BILL SHERROD

Activation of the currently dormant Appomattox County Industrial Developments Authority may become a reality in the near future.

Dr. Larry Smith appeared before the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors on Friday and requested that the IDA be reactivated in order that he have access to low-interest funds to build a professional building on property he owns just east of the town.

The IDA was active in the 1970s prior to the time when Armstrong Furniture Industries came to the county.

The IDA avails loans for construction relating to certain types of industry and business, including construction of a professional building.

The loans are available at an interest rate slightly lower than the prime rate.

Smith noted that provisions for the IDA specify that the applicant bear the expenses for any legal work.

The supervisors agreed to look into activating the Industrial Development Athority at the earliest possible date.

In other business, the Supervisors heard a plan by Tommy Moore, owner of the Dew Drop Inn, to expand that facility to include a dance floor.

Moore asked the Supervisors if they felt that his plan would meet opposition from local residents. He noted that the plan calls for moving the parking lot so that there will be a minimum of noise exposure to adjacent buildings.

The supervisors suggested that Moore take an informal pool of the landowners around his restaurant to see if there would be any opposition to the plan, before he invests the money in improving the building and parking lot.

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